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<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>		<b>Application Number</b>	<b>10/019,402</b>
		<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>December 28, 2001</b>
		<b>First Named Inventor</b>	<b>MATSUMOTO et al.</b>
		<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>1614</b>
		<b>Examiner Name</b>	<b>Donna A. Jagoe</b>
		<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	<b>VX012397 PCT</b>

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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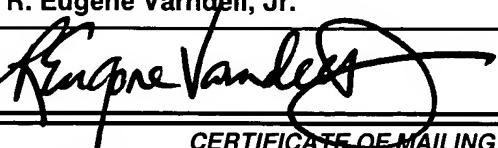
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  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii.  Other Amendments and remarks in Response after Final filed on Sept. 29, 2006.
  - b.  Enclosed
 

i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO-1449
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for 3-months extension of time
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **50-1147**

i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	01/19/2007 MAHME1 00000012 10019402
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
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Signature			
	Date	<b>January 18, 2007</b>	

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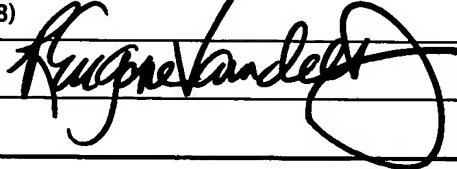
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		Examiner Name	Donna A. Jagoe
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**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 (listing 4 references)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Statement	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request of Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

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Signature	
Date	January 18, 2007



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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Complete if Known
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$ 790	Attorney Docket
		VX012397 PCT

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- Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 50-1147 Deposit Account Name: **Posz Law Group, PLC**
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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	160	80	0	0	0	0	_____

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee (\$)
50
25
200
100
360
180

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=				

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
- 3 or HP =	x	\$	= \$		

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

## 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$ (for small entity)  
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Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=	\$0

## 4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: RCE filing fee \$ 790

## SUBMITTED BY

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